



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Don Pratt

Representatives Joe Baril, Tom Barnhart, Lori Bartinik, Alicia Bauer, Genevieve Cerf, Michael Collins, Syma Ebbin, George Edwards Jr, Peter Fairbank, Robert Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Debra Jenkins, Carole McCarthy, Kevin McMahon, Richard Metayer, David Miner, James Moulding, Scott Newsome, Nora Patterson, Deborah Peruzzotti, Joy Plunket, Robert Post, Kevin Power, Mary-Ellen Schefers, Rita Schmidt, Eleanor Scussel, Jack Sebastian, Jennifer Smuts, Eleanor Steere, Fritz Stein, Joan Steinfeld, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, Patti Thunberg, Cheryl Tilney, Tom Vivirito, Robert Walker Sr, and John Wheeler.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

7:30 PM

Senior Center

Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY TOWN CLERK

*Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
34 members were present and a quorum was declared.*

Members Present: Moderator Pratt, Rep. Baril, Rep. Barnhart, Rep. Bartinik, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Cerf, Rep. Collins, Rep. Ebbin, Rep. Fairbank, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Harrell, Rep. Jenkins, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. McMahon, Rep. Metayer, Rep. Miner, Rep. Patterson, Rep. Peruzzotti, Rep. Plunket, Rep. Post, Rep. Power, Rep. Schefers, Rep. Scussel, Rep. Sebastian, Rep. Smuts, Rep. Stein, Rep. Steinfeld, Rep. Streeter, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Thunberg, Rep. Tilney, Rep. Vivirito and Rep. Walker, Sr.
Members Absent: Rep. Edwards, Jr., Rep. Moulding, Rep. Newsome, Rep. Prochaska, Rep. Schmidt, Rep. Steere and Rep. Wheeler, Jr.

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent, Town Councilors Catherine Kolnaski, John Scott and James Streeter, Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox and Assistant Town Clerk Sally Whitney.

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The members observed a moment of silence followed by the Salute to the Flag.

C. ORGANIZATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH RTM

1. Administration of oath to all Representatives by Town Clerk

Town Clerk Tarbox administered the oath of office to the 34 members present.

2. Election of Moderator

*The Town Clerk called for nominations for the office of Moderator.
The name of Don Pratt was placed in nomination by Rep. Granatosky.
The name of Kevin Power was placed in nomination by Rep. Vivirito.
There being no further nominations, the Town Clerk declared nominations closed.
The vote for the office of Moderator was 21 for Rep. Pratt, 13 for Rep. Power. (Voting for Rep. Pratt were Reps. Baril, Bauer, Cerf, Collins, Ebbin, Fairbank, Garcia, Granatosky, Harrell, McMahon, McCarthy, Metayer, Miner, Patterson, Plunket, Post, Pratt, Schefers, Stein, Svencer, Tilney. Voting for Rep. Power were Reps. Barnhart, Bartinik, Jenkins, Peruzzotti, Power, Scussel, Sebastian, Smuts, Steinfeld, Streeter, Thunberg, Vivirito, Walker.)*

3. Oath of Office and presentation of gavel to Moderator

Town Clerk Tarbox administered the oath of office and presented the gavel to Moderator Don Pratt.

4. Brief recess to allow Moderator to review correspondence, etc.

A brief recess was taken and the meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

D. ADOPTION OF RULES

2005-0279 Adoption of Rules

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADOPTION OF RULES & PROCEDURES OF TWENTY-FOURTH RTM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rules and Procedures of the Twenty-fourth RTM are temporarily adopted as the Rules and Procedures of the Twenty-fifth RTM elected November 8, 2005.

A motion was made by Moderator Pratt, seconded by Rep. Collins, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2005

A motion that the minutes be adopted was made by the Moderator, seconded by Rep. Miner. The motion carried 32 in favor, 2 abstentions, (Abstaining: Reps. Jenkins and Scussel)

F. CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

G. APPOINTMENT OF RULES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

2005-0280 Appointment of Rules & Procedures Committee

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RULES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RULES FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH RTM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moderator hereby appoints the following as a temporary Rules & Procedures Committee to review and recommend Rules and Procedures for the Twenty-fifth RTM:

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| 1. Patrice Granatosky, Chair | 3. Dave Miner |
| 2. Tom Vivirito | 4. Jennifer Smuts |
| 5. Fritz Stein | 6. Lori Bartinik |

2005-0303 Rules for Twenty-Fifth RTM

This matter was Referred to the RTM Rules & Procedures Committee, due back on December 14, 2005. The motion carried.

H. ADOPTION OF 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

2005-0281 2006 RTM Meeting Schedule

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2006 RTM MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, Freedom of Information Statutes require filing a calendar-year schedule of meetings with the Town Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has met regularly on the second Wednesday of each month,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting hereby approves the meeting schedule for 2006 as follows:

Wednesday, January 11, 2006
Wednesday, February 8, 2006
Wednesday, March 8, 2006
Wednesday, April 12, 2006
Wednesday, May 10, 2006
Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Wednesday, July 12, 2006
Wednesday, August 9, 2006
Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Wednesday, October 11, 2006
Wednesday, November 8, 2006
Wednesday, December 13, 2006 and
Wednesday, January 10, 2007

All meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center on Newtown Road (Route 117).

A motion was made by Moderator Pratt, seconded by Rep. Miner, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously.

I. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

2005-0267 Acceptance of Open Space at Way Subdivision

This matter was Referred to the RTM Community & Economic Development Committee, due back on December 14, 2005. The motion carried.

2005-0169 Donation of Land (Poirier)

This matter was Referred to the RTM Community & Economic Development Committee, due back on December 14, 2005. The motion carried.

2005-0251 Release of State Land - Route 117/Candlewood Road

This matter was Referred to the RTM Community & Economic Development Committee, due back on December 14, 2005. The motion carried.

2005-0075 Adoption of an Ordinance Regarding Alcohol Possession by Minors

This matter was Referred to the RTM Health & Social Services Committee, due back on December 14, 2005. The motion carried.

Motion to veto is the only appropriate action.

The Moderator reported that Rep. Schmidt and Moulding were absent due to vacation plans, and Rep. Edwards was unable to attend due to illness.

J. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:

1. Financial report

No report.

2. Monthly briefing

The Town Manager congratulated and welcomed all new and incumbent members. He explained that this is the portion of the meeting in which he reviews and provides information to the members on newsworthy and important items.

He announced that tickets are still available for the final major event associated with Groton's Tercentennial celebration entitled "The Taste of Groton".

The Manager stated that budget preparation has already been started at the Town staff level. He expects to distribute the budget around March 16, 2006. He invites and encourages RTM members to attend the Council's budget review sessions to promote interaction with the Council.

Mr. Oefinger stated that two additional revaluation and staff briefing presentations will be provided to new RTM and Council members; he will announce the dates as soon as they are available.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Miner, seconded by Rep. Smuts at 7:55 p.m. and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Barbara Tarbox, Town Clerk
Clerk of the RTM*

Sally A. Whitney, Assistant Town Clerk